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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y FOR EO TAGS AND SUBJECT

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, SHUM, NU

SUBJECT: GN FINDS AN ALLEGED FSLN TRAINING SCHOOL

1. IN THE LATE AFTERNOON OF 26 JUNE, THE NATIONAL GUARD (GN) RE-LEASED AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE IN WHICH IT CLAIMED THAT AN FSLN TRAINING SCHOOL HAD BEEN UNCOVERED NEAR MASAYA. AT THE TRAINING SCHOOL, THE COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT FOUR M-1 AND GARAND RIFLES, RIFLE SLINGS, BOMBS AND AMMUNITION WERE FOUND. IN ADDITION, NINE SUSPECTS WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, INCLUDING THE ALLEGED DIRECTOR OF THE TRAINING SCHOOL, MIGUEL ANGEL SOTO FLORES, WHO IS ALLEGED TO USE THE PSEUDONYM "ALPHA".

2. FYI: SOTO IS A VETERAN OF THE U.S. ARMY WHO LIVED IN CALIFORNIA FOR APPROXIMATELY 12 YEARS AND IS THE FATHER OF THREE AMCITS. SINCE RETURNING TO NICARAGUA, SOTO WORKED FOR A WHILE FOR THE NATIOAL LIGHT AND ENERGY ENTERPRISE (ENALUF) AND, ACCORDING TO HIS LAWYER, JOSE ANTONIO TIJERINO, HAD RECENTLY JOINED THE MOVIMIENTO DEMOCRATICO NACIONAL LAUNCHED THIS YEAR BY ALFONSO ROBELO. LIC. TI-CONFIDENTIAL

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JERINO TOLD POLOFFS THAT HE BELIEVED SOTO MAY HAVE BEEN ARRESTED TO INVESTIGATE LEAKS OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS TO THE PRESS REGARDING QUESTIONABLE ENALUF CONTRACTS TO WHICH SOTO HAD ACCESS. WHEN PRESSED, TIJERINO SAID THAT THE GN SECURITY OFFICE ALSO MAY HAVE WANTED TO INVESTIGATE SOTO FOR HIS FREQUENT VISITS TO MASAYA (WHERE SOTO WAS BORN AND RAISED) ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF THE REBELLION IN MONIMBO.

3. COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR THAT SOTO FALLS INTO THE CAMP OF ACTIVE
OPPOSITIONISTS. WHETHER HE IS A CLANDESTINE REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVIST
IS AS YET UNCLEAR, BUT THE GON SEEMS CONVINCED THAT THEY HAVE MORE
THAN THE CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAA SUGGESTED BY SOTO'S
LAWYER.
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